



SHOP NEWS

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"SOUPER NOVEMBER" IN THE CAFÉ!

On every weekday in November Alessandro will be preparing a different delicious and nourishing soup, made with local ingredients.

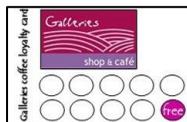
Each bowl of soup will come with a small baguette and will cost **£4.45**, but **50p of that will go to charity!**

Souper November was the idea of Bath charity [Genesis](#) who have publicised our participation widely – and we hope to see a few extra café customers from further afield as a result. But we thought that a programme of special soups in winter would be really good anyway, so



Alessandro is running with it for the entire month.

Alessandro has also created a new menu – simpler, more affordable, more café-like. And he has revived the **coffee loyalty cards** – with every 10th coffee free.



COUPONS FOR CAFÉ BARGAINS

If you are local and have received this SHOP NEWS through your letterbox, you will find enclosed **some coupons** for you to use with which we hope to attract you to our Café (especially if you haven't been before).

We would also like you to sign up for a **£40/month Reverse Credit Account**, and will give you a **£20 café voucher if you do**. Come in and fill out a form!

ART ON OUR WALLS

From 5th December we will be showing paintings by **Annabel Menheneoff** who has recently moved to Freshford – and has also kindly taken on the job of organising any future art displays on our shop and café walls. Annabel has exhibited in London and many parts of the south-west. See more of her pictures on her [website](#).



5P CHARGE FOR PLASTIC BAGS

Predictably, with the 5p charge for plastic bags having kicked in at the supermarkets, our supply of used plastic bags has dried up. We will get in some new but compostable shopping bags just so as not to leave you stranded – but **we will be charging 5p** as we do wish to support the policy to reduce the use of plastic bags.

HELP WITH YOUR CHRISTMAS

We can help you with your Christmas preparations in many different ways, including quite a selection of attractive local gifts:

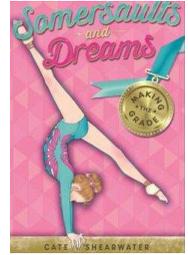


2016 edition of Bridget Baker's lovely Freshford and Limpley Stoke **Calendar** – 12 original local views – at **£6.00**. Post one to a friend!

German gingerbread, almond biscuits, stollen, marzipan and other Christmas specialities



Lots of **books by our local authors** – Alan Dodge's Freshford Book, Cate Shearwater Daniel Start Tania Pascoe Fay Inchfawn Maudie Smith



Christmas hampers You choose the contents, we do the arranging. Two sizes – small in a basket, large in a box

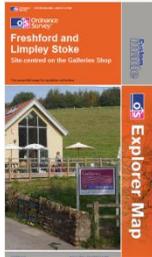


A special bottle We can make any bottle look special as a gift. Galleries wine can come in a presentation box for two bottles; there is also Prosecco, cider brandy, champagne and a range of special liqueurs.



Shop/café gift vouchers – you name the amount. The easy flexible gift for locals, helping to promote your shop at the same time

Galleries OS Explorer map specially printed for the shop - with our villages in the centre of the map! Also many other maps and books with local walks.



Wide selection of **Christmas cards** in the shop now. Also great gift wrap, boxes and gift tags



Turkeys, geese or ducks; extra vegetables, cream or cheeses: we can get it all for you. Place your Christmas orders in good time!

Onya bags bags that pack up really small so you can have them always 'on you'. Three sizes, one a backpack.



Christmas cakes by Enid. She will only be making a limited number. Get your order in early!





Galleries shopping bags

– large, with comfortable padded handles
Also, some handmade shopping bags made specially for the Alzheimer's Society.

Sepia tea towel with views of our two villages which people liked so much the very first year.



Galleries mug – bone China, with one of Dani Affleck's designs. Find it on the café windowsill.

Prints of local views

by Catherine Beale
As well as Freshford resident Dani Affleck



DID YOU KNOW...? SOME PEOPLE DIDN'T...

- that you can use your **reverse credit** account **in the Café?**
- that our shopping basket price comparison showed Sainsbury's just **6.5% cheaper?**
- that you can get **parcels delivered** for you at the shop if you can't be home when they arrive?
- that there is **free Wi-Fi** at the shop – just ask for the password
- that our coffee comes from a very **local coffee roaster** (Dusty Ape in Hilperton)
- that we often have spare bubble pack and always lots of boxes for **your shipping needs**
- that we are **happy to deliver** your shopping if you have a reverse credit account – just phone or email in your order
- that you can **buy** all our store baked **loaves and pastries frozen** for baking at home if not available baked at the shop
- that we offer **dry-cleaning** and laundry services (but not shoe repair)
- that you can buy **Galleries Shop gift vouchers** in various amounts
- that you can order specific frozen meals from eg Cavendish cooks (including larger portions than 2 which is all they now offer routinely)
- that we get boxes full of **Bath Life Magazine** at the shop, available free - and recently the monthly **Bath Magazine** also?

FIRST £635 CHEQUE TO ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

In September our customers voted for a new shop charity for the year – out of four very worthwhile candidates. The **Alzheimer's Society** won by a wide margin, and fundraising for them is well underway:

- We sell some of their Charity Christmas cards
- Alzheimer's Society champion Alison has produced a Freshford Christmas card, as well as some attractive shopping bags for sale, and
- Richard Blamey has managed to recruit not just 100 but 111 participants to the Century Club and held the first draw.



So – altogether we are already able to send off our first substantial cheque.

UNSUNG HERO – GILL LAMEY



Many things have changed in the café but some remain constant... one being the loyalty of our stalwart volunteer **Gill Lamey**. Gill puts in lots of hours in the café including most weekends which are not the most popular rota slots. She fulfils an important supporting role carrying out essential tasks. Gill's cheeky sense of humour provides staff and volunteers with many a chuckle. When off duty Gill can often be seen poring over the daily

crossword with deep concentration...whilst downing the odd coffee or two, or three!

THANK YOU GILL from Dallas, Alessandro, Cheyenne and Florence.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thur 12th Nov 7 for 7.30pm	Friends of Freshford AGM, School Hall. Guest speaker Catherine Phillips, Heart of Wessex Rail Partnership - “Railways for Communities – Leading the way in Freshford” . Drinks and nibbles.
Sat 14th Nov 7:30 pm	Freshford United Fundraising Race Night at Freshford Village Hall. Tickets are £10 and include food. Tickets from Chris on 07738 741477 or at the shop.
Thu 19th Nov 3.30pm	The Link AGM – at the Old Bakery, Freshford . Refreshments. Both drivers and passengers welcome.
Mon 23rd Nov 7.30pm	FLiSCA AGM at Freshford Village Hall. Hear about developments at the shop and how FLiSCA funds have been spent - and elect a new FLiSCA board. Mulled wine and mince pies.
Fri 4th Dec 4-5.30pm	Freshford School PTA Christmas Fayre – School Playground
Thurs 10th Dec 4pm	Christmas Carols and mulled wine by the Christmas tree on Galleries Shop terrace . Look out for details nearer the time.
Sat 12th Dec 9-12:30	Sharpening service available at the Galleries Shop & Café. Bring your knives, scissors, garden tools etc. Cash only.
Sat 12th Dec 6-9 pm	Vito's Gourmet Burger Night (rescheduled). Details on our website's news page. Booking essential.
Thursdays and Saturdays in December	Repeat of the Special Christmas evening meals at the Galleries Café provided by Vito , which were very popular last year. Look for dates and details nearer the time.

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OPENING HOURS

Shop: Monday-Friday 8-6, Saturday 8.30-12.30, Sunday 9-12.30

Café: Monday-Friday 9-4, Saturday 9-12.30, Sunday 9-12.30

Post Office: Tuesdays and Fridays 9-1

OPENING TIMES OVER THE HOLIDAY PERIOD :

Note the shop and cafe will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day, and close early (4pm) on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.